

REMARKS

Paragraphs [0004] and [0008] have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the use of "at least one" in claim 1.

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define a one piece elastic seal adapter for sealing the collar of a water closet flange to different diameter drain pipes. Spells (6,789,275) disclose a multiple component toilet sleeve suitable for connection to only a single drain pipe of fixed diameter. Thus its utility is severely limited. Installation of the Spells multi-component toilet sleeve requires a complicated procedure which is outlined in col. 2 lines 46 through col. 3 line 27. It is further noted that there is no suggestion in Spells, or the other cited art, that the sealing apparatus is suitable for sealing a water closet to drain pipes of different diameters.

Turner et al. (2,976,543) discloses a sealing assembly made up for a wax sealing ring 18 and a plastic sleeve 20. It is clearly suitable only for use with a single size drain pipe. The combination of Spells and Turner et al. does not create a construction similar to applicants.

Dependent claims 2-4 are believed to be allowable for the foregoing reasons advanced for allowance of claim 1.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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